



Foreword And History

1942-43 — Our long voyage through school has begun with Miss Feaster as captain of our ship. Our crew consists of: Rosalyn Milleson; Lelia Decker; Gary Pyles; Dale Oakman; Geraldine Dowden; William Eye; Patricia Deremer; Mary Jo Wolford; Lewis Wagoner and David Kreiger.

1943-44 — Our second trip has begun and we are not quite so scared as we were last year. Miss Feaster is with us again this year. We shall long remember the parties we had this year and the band we had. Jay Elder from Cumberland joined us.

1944-45 - This year Miss Bolen greeted us. Jo Ann Simpson joined us by skipping the second grade. We have the privilege of ringing the bell and watching for the first bus.

1945-46 — We are fourth graders now with Mrs. Pfeifer as our captain. This year we learned our multiplication tables. We were joined by Patricia Malone and Richard Twigg.

1946-47 — At last we are in the High School building for our fifth voyage of school. Mrs. Mawhiney was our teacher, but due to illness, she resigned. Substitute teachers have taken her place for the remainder of this voyage. Norma Shipman from Piedmont has joined us.

1947-48 — Mrs. Oates is now our director. This year we were not allowed to have recess at the same time as the fifth graders because we just could not resist fighting. We can remember when we got cardboard boxes and slid down the hill on the ice. Sometimes we were a little late getting back to class. Robert Bantz from Cumberland joined us this year. Shirley Hart, Gayle Pownall, and Robert Bowers skipped the 5th grade to become members of our crew.

1948-49 — Our crew has become much larger this year. Richard Baldwin, Sylvia O'Brien, John Senn, and Donald Welker came to us from Patterson Creek; and James Bosley, George Lark, and Mildred Dolly enrolled from Short Gap. Arlene Ratcliff, also joined us this year. Miss Swecker and Miss Thayer are our home room teachers.

1949-50 — This year Mr. Keplinger is our homeroom sponsor. We presented the annual Halloween assembly under his direction. We prepared this year for our voyage through high school which started the next year.

1950-51 — This is our first year of High School. We are glad to welcome Marilyn McCoy, from South Charleston and Marlene Logsdon from Cresaptown. Again this year we have Miss Swecker as our homeroom teacher. Playing basketball during gym periods makes our days brighter this year.

1951-52 — Our class was divided into two groups this year. Mr. Keplinger guided the 10A Group and Mr. Marker the 10B. We presented the annual Thanksgiving assembly under the excellent direction of Mr. Marker. Frank Byer from Ridgeley and Lila Lou Thompson from Belington enlisted in our crew this year.

1952-53 — We are at last Juniors. The first week of school we ordered our class rings which arrived December 19. Our class play, *Headin'* for the Hills, was exceptionally successful. We are glad to have a competent director such as Mr. Henriquez, assisted by Miss Thayer, for our play. We held the annual Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom on May 8. Patricia Auderson from Kitzmiller joined us.

1953-54 — This is the year that we set our final sail. About the third week of school, we ordered our name cards. After receiving them we were busy handing them out to our friends. We had our class pictures taken at Ruhl's Studio, and everyone wanted his pictures to be of superior quality. We presented the Senior Class Play, Two Dates for Tonight, directed by Mr. Marker and Mr. McKenzie. Finally on May 27, 1954, we received our long awaited diplomas and embarked on the longest voyage.

ROSALYN MILLESON WILMA MYERS



Our Captains

J. William Marker Vice-Principal

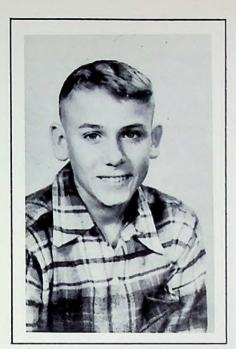
During our high school years, Mr. Marker, assistant principal, has been our leaning post. Without his guidance our ship of state might well have been lost at sea. His friendship has meant much to us and it is certain that those who follow in our footsteps will find him ever willing to lend the same helping hand needed and received so often by the seniors of '54.

J. P. Judy Principal

To Mr. J. P. Judy, our principal, we, the senior class of 1954, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the interest, understanding, and cooperation he has shown us during our years at Fort Ashby High School.







Donald Kimble (1936-1952)

In Memoriam

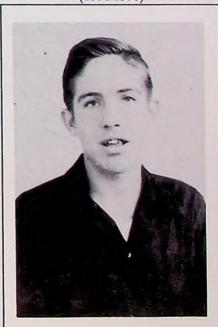
To

No angel was he, for angels are so few, but he did have a friendly way, a quiet manner, a happy melancholy in his eyes that somehow took hold of your heart, for he gave us so much and asked for so little in return. To us, his classmates and friends, there will always be a little darkness, but no doubt on some other dawn there is already the birth of a new light heralding that "all is well." With loving memory and lasting remembrance we pause to pay tribute to Donald Kimble.

"God saw the road was getting rough, and whispered, Peace be thine."

Richard Whitacre (1934-1950)

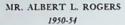
Our class you left four years ago,
To find your seas more blue,
Tho other friends we've learned to know
We often think of you.
The years we'll wipe out never;
The memory of those happy days
Our dreams we'll treasure ever
When we were all together.





MR. J. P. JUDY 1945-54

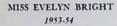
Principal; Instructor of Social Science; A.B., Social Science, Bridgewater College '26; M.A., W. V. U. '30.



Instructor of English; A.B., English; W. Va. Wesleyan '24; M.A., W. V. U. '31.



Dear Teachers; we wish to thank you for all you have done for us. We appreciate your patience, co-operation, and helpfulness in time of need.



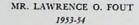
Instructor of Music, Library Science, and Journalism; Organ Certificate, Manch College '29; A.B., English, Music, and Library, W. Va. Wesleyan '31; M.A., W. V. U. '50.



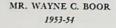


MRS. LOIS McMILLION 1953-54

Instructor of Home Economics and Biology. A.B., Vocational Home Economics and Biology. Marshall College '51.



Instructor of Vocational Agriculture and Shop; B.S., Vocational Agriculture and Biology, W. V. U. '52.



Instructor of Social Science, Physical Education and Drivers Education; B.A., Social Science and English, University of Tulsa '51.







MR. MELVIN N. McKENZIE 1953-54

Instructor of Social Science and English; B.S., Social Science and English, W. V. U. '53.

MR. VIRGIL U. HULL 1953-54

Instructor of Social Science and French; B.S., Social Science and French, W. V. U. '52.



MRS. LAURA MARKS 1943-54

Instructor of Mathematics; A.B., Mathematics, Home Economics, Salem College '26.





MR. K. B. KEPLINGER 1947-54

Instructor of Physical Science; A.B., Physical Science, Social Science, Shepherd College '47; M.A., W. V. U. '51.

We understand what a job it has been keeping everything in order, therefore we say "Congratulations for a job well done."

The Seniors of '54



MR. J. WILLIAM MARKER 1942-43 1947-54

Instructor of Commercial; A.B., Commercial and Social Studies, Shepherd College '47; M.A., W. V. U. '51.

MR. THOMAS M. SMALL 1945-54

Instructor of Drivers Education for Mineral County Schools; B.S., Mathematics, Social Science, W. V. U. '38; M.A., W. V. U. '51,





Bob Chase, who works in the office in the morning, is shown typing the morning absence list.

Office Help

Our "office crew" is headed by J. William Marker, Assistant Principal. Bob Chase takes his "watch" from 11 to 12 a.m., Lelia Decker from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and Jo Ann Simpson from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.

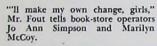
Lelia, Jo Ann, and Marilyn Mc Coy operate the bookstore in the morning and during noon hour. Besides text books, compasses, notebooks, and paper, the girls sell candy and ice cream to the students.



Typing the afternoon absence list and weekly menus, is only part of Lelia Decker's job.



"The boss", Mr. Marker, keeps all those tardy marks and unexcused absences in his little black book.





Jo Ann spends her office period in the afternoon typing reports and filing records.







MR. MELVIN N. McKENZIE

Mr. McKenzie is our class adviser this year. He is also sponsor of our yearbook and has helped us with our school activities this year. We appreciate all he has done for us in our Senior year.



Mr. Marker has helped us all through our high school years. He is our photographer for the Fortress. We thank him sincerely for all the help he has given us.



With Faith We Weigh Our Anchor

MARLENE LOGSDON

"Marty"

"Whoever lives true life, will love true love."

Class Play 3, 4; Eagle Staff 3; Operetta 3; Glee Club; Class President 4; Fortress Staff 4; Pep Club 4.





ROBERT V. BOWERS "Bow-Wow"

"It is not wise to be wiser than is necessary."

Class Play 3; School Improvement 1; Class Vice-President 4; Basketball 1; Eagle Staff 3.



NORMA JEAN SHIPMAN

"Normie"

"Friendship often turns to love."

Librarian 1; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Minstrel 2, 3; Homecoming Rep. 2; Autumn Ball Rep. 3; Miss Pep 1 3; Operetta 3; Glee Club 3; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff 4; Reporter 3; Class Sec.-Treas. 4; Class Play 3, 4; F.H.A. President 4.

MARILYN EILEEN McCOY

"Marilyn"

"Our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build."

Class President 1; Minstrel 2, 3; Operetta 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Class Reporter 4; Librarian 4; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff 4; Scorekeeper 4; F.H.A. Vice-President 4.





GAYLE TEMPLE POWNALL

"Love can work wonders."

Sewing Club 1, 2, 3; Class Play 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; Operetta 2, 3; Minstrel 2, 3; Basketball 3; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3.



"Sylvie"

"Gert"

"Tomorrow's life is too late; live today."

Operetta 2, 3; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dancing Club 3; Librarian 4; Crocheting Club 1, 2, 3.



LESTER JAY ELDER
"Berries"

"Man has his will, but woman has her way."

Basketball 1, 2; School Improvement 1; Class Play 3.





LEWIS RALPH WAGONER "Lucky"

"Bad luck often brings good luck."

Class Play 3, 4; School Improvement 1; Librarian 4; Fortress Staff 4.

The Challenge Of The Future Beckons

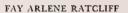


ROSALYN ELIZABETH MILLESON

"Rose"

"Good luck never comes too late."

Operetta 3, 4; Class Play 3; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff 4; F. H. A. 4; Basketball 3, 4; Minstrel 4.



"Arlene"

"Life is what you make it, so make it good."

Librarian 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; Operetta 3, 4; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1, 3; Dancing Club 3; Minstrel 3, 4.





GARY ODELL PYLES

"Gary" "Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand." Class Play 3, 4; Autumn Ball Rep. 2, 3, 4; Minstrel 3, 4; Fortress Staff 4; Eagle Staff 3; School Improvement 1; Librarian 3; Class Reporter 2.



"Duck"

"Dickie"

"Bill"

"No sensible person ever made an apology."

Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; Eagle Staff 3; School Improvement 1; Fortress Staff 4.



Fortress Prom, Classwork - - All Are Reverent Memories

PATRICIA ANN MALONE "Patty"

"Love me little, love me long.

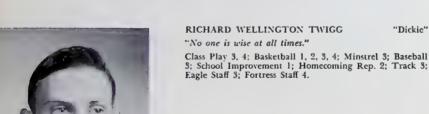
Glee Club 2; Operetta 2; Dramatic Club 1; Eagle Staff 3; Class Play 3.



PATRICIA R. DEREMER "Pat"

"Trouble and love is where you find it."

Librarian 1; Class Sec.-Treas. 1, 3; Class Vice-President 2; Minstrel 2, 3; Autumn Ball Queen 2; Class Play 3, 4; Eagle Staff 3; Operetta 3; Glee Club 3; Student Council 3; Dance Club 3; Fortress Staff 4; Rep. to Morgantown



WILLIAM BLAINE EYE

"One can not know everything."

Class Play 3, 4; Basketball 1; Timekeeper 3; School Improvement 1; Eagle Staff 3; Librarian 1; Fortress Staff 4.





MARY JO WOLFORD

"Love is wiser than ambition."

Librarian 1; Class President 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Operetta 3; Minstrel 2, 3; Glee Club 3; Fortress Staff 4; F.H.A. Sec. 4; Rep. to Piedmont Jr. Fair 4; Rep. to Morgantown 2; Rep. to Jackson Mill 2; Eagle Staff 3; Scorekeeper 4; Reading Club 3.

LILA LU THOMPSON

"Lila Lu"

"Jo"

"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

Basketball 1; Glee Club 3; Book Club 3; French Club 3;
F.H.A. Club 3, 4; Fortress Staff 4.



PAUL R. BALDWIN

"Love conquers all things, let us yield to love."

Class President 2; Class Vice-President 1, 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Fortress Staff 4; Eagle Staff 3; Rep. to Picdmont Jr. Fair 4; Rep. to Morgantown 1.



JAMES L. BOSLEY

"Iim"

"True love never runs smooth."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Track 3; Class Play 3; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff 4.

We Face Our Destination



JO ANN SIMPSON

"To

"You can do anything you want, if you try hard enough."
Class Play 3, 4; Minstrel 3, 4; Operetta 3; Eagle Staff 3;
Fortress Staff 4; F.H.A. Club 4; Glee Club 3, 4.

MILDRED MARIE DOLLY

"Millie"

"Tis what I love determines how I love."

Operetta 3; Class Play 3; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff 4; Homecoming Ball Rep. 3; Autumn Ball Rep. 4; Glee Club 3; Dance Club 3.





FRANK WALLACE BYER

"Frank"

"Move aside all great men, here comes another."

Baseball 3, 4; Class Play 3; Fortress Staff 4; Basketball 3.



"Bob"

"Never trouble trouble until trouble troubles you."

Operetta 2, 3; Basketball 4; Track 2, 3; Minstrel 2, 3; Student Council 2; Class Play 4.



Our Maiden Voyage Has Ended



JOHN EUGENE SENN
"Joe C"

"Come day, go day, God send Sunday."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Eagle Staff 3; Fortress Staff



DAVID NELSON KREIGER

"Dave"

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise."
Basketball Manager 2; Timekeeper 4.

THOMAS DALE OAKMAN

"Dale"





SHIRLEY MAE HART

Class Play 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Fortress Staff 4; Eagle Staff

3, Librarian 3.



"Gerry"

"Shirl"

"The sweetest joy, the wildest woe is love."

"It matters not how long we live but how."

Class Play 3; Minstrel 2, 3; Fortress Staff 4; Eagle Staff 3; F.H.A. Club 4; Librarian 2, 3; Glee Club 3, 4.





GEORGE ROBERT LARK "Live and Learn." Class Play 3; School Improvement 1; Baseball 3.

Our Point Of Embarkation - - Graduation

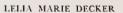


PATRICIA ANN ANDERSON

"Pat"

"The seasons of love rolls not backwara but onward

Class Play 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Eagle Staff 3; F.H.A. Club 4; Fortress Staff 4.



"Squizz"

"She who has never loved has never lived, She who has love has been deceived."

Class Play 3, 4: Minstrel 3, 4; Operetta 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Eagle Staff 3; Librarian 3, 4; Dance Club 3; F.H.A. Club 4; Fortress Staff 4.





Row One, L. to R. — Truman Householder, Wanda Bohrer, William Root, Imogene Hershberger, Gary Sommerlott, Barbara Davton, Secretary; Floyd Umstot, Shirley McTaggart, Bonnie Thompson, Row Two, L. to R. — Wavne Boor, Class Sponsor; Mary Ellen Snyder, Dorothea Twigg, Arlene O'Brien, Merla Whitacre, Betty Lewis, Delores Price, Mary Jane Riley, Jannis Timbrook, Etta Mae Singhass, Dorothy Sampson, Row Three, L. to R. — Patricia Rosskamp, President; Loretta McTaggart, Lorraine Welker, Lenora Umstot, Wavne Bohrer, Vaughn Alt, Bruce Bosley, Harold Haines, Vice-President; Melvin Copeland, Reporter; Loren Bosley, Robert Kenney, Harry Bosley, Arthur Dayton, Robert Foster, Treasurer.



American History Class panel discussing current events.

Junior Class

Junior Class sponsored a donkey baskethall game to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom.



Officers of the Junior Class are: Patricia Rosskamp, President; Barbara Dayton, Secretary; Harold Haines, Vice-President; and





Row One, L. to R. - Dean Kenney, Harold Abe, Bertha Barnes, Eddie Kimble, Secretary and Treasurer; Loretta Barnes, Eddie Kimbie, Secretary and Freasurer; Loretta O'Brien, Ernest Keplinger, Erma Kesner, Joe Dersin, Shirley Kimble, Gary Shriver, Reporter. Row Two, L. to R. — Julia Thompson, Carolyn Sampson, President; Joan Fout, Nancv Baldwin, Barbara Clark, Darlene Hiett, Shirley Long, Shirley Miner, Barbara Weaver, Martha Seeders. Row Three, L. to R. — Wilda Spencer, Janice Welch, Ruth Beaver, Sheila Speelman, Helen Tallman, Colleen Brooks, Loretta Blauch, Donna Anderson, Bernard Colleen Brooks, Loretta Blauch, Donna Anderson, Bernard McTaggart, Edgar Kimble, Ronnie Ward. Row Four, L. to R. — Keith Martin, Jerry Adams, Robert Chase, Vice-President: James Thompson, John Hepner, Delbert Myers, James Lark, Donnie Wyer, Floyd Tallman, Frank-lin Brelsford, Albert Rogers, Class Sponsor.

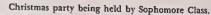


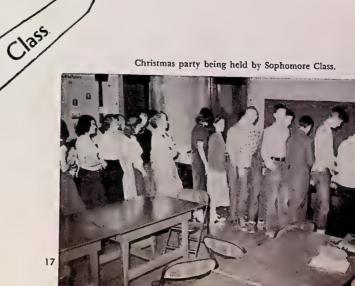
Officers of the Sophomore Class are President, Carolyn Sampson; Vice-President, Bob Chase; Secretary and Treasurer, Eddie Kimble; Reporter, Gary Shriver.



Sophomore typing class.

Sophomore



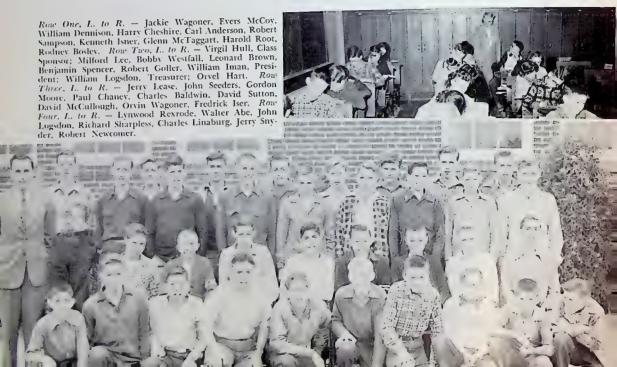




How to lay out a Pattern.



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Concentrating time.

>Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

This is our country.



Row One, L. to R. - Edward Willison, Arthur Rexrode, Harley Wagoner, Charles Robinson, Francis Steed, Ernest Snyder, Kenneth Harper, Gary Riley, Gary Kenney, Larry Brown. Row Two, L. to R. — John Mellon, Dean Edward Wasson, Johnny Tipping, Bertha Pownell, Irene Iman, Ella Mae Thompson, Janet Newhouse, President; Barbara Bauer, Charlotte Getz, Judy Wagoner, Secretary, Rosetta Keplinger. Row Three, L. to R. — Laura Marks, Class Sponsor; Mary Ellen Snyder, Nancy Pyles, Ruth Liller, Jean Getz, Beverly Myers, Donna Hershberger, Treasurer; Joyce Wolford, Reporter; Blanche Bosley, Charles Rigeleman, William Price. Row Four, L. to R. — Wayne Shreve, Glen Pyles, Bernard Long, Clyde Bantz, Elvin Spencer, Larry Troutman, Vice-President. Snyder, Kenneth Harper, Gary Riley, Gary Kenney, Larry



FALASHBIAN STAFF

"THE DOINGS" OF F. A. H. S.

Printed four times a year by the Journalism Class of Fort Ashby High.

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Imogene Hershberger, sports editor; typing her story. Planning together are Mary Ellen Snyder, art editor; Merla Whitacre, news editor and Betty Lewis, humor editor.



Business managers, Pat Rosskamp and Lauretta McTaggart, checking financial conditions with exchange editor, Harold Haines.

Editor-in-chief, Barbara Dayton showing typist Robert Kenney how it is done.



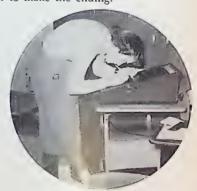


At the machine, chief operator Vaughn Alt with the assistance of Melvin Copeland, Wanda Bohrer, and Miss Bright. How many more Wanda?

THE FALASHBIAN

For the past two years the school paper has been called "THE EAGLE". This year the Journalism Class decided to restore the old name FALASHBIAN. It is very interesting to know how it got this name in the beginning.

Mr. R. R. Lowe, former principal of Fort Ashby High School, named the paper the FALASHBIAN by taking parts of the three names which Fort Ashby was originally called. He took the F from Frankfort, Al was for Alaska, the Ash for Ashby, and the bian to make the ending.



Business manager, Pat Rosskamp, at the mimeoscope machine.



"Tell me another story"

"The Little Minister"

The annual Junior Class play was presented April 8, under the direction of Miss Bright and Mr. Rogers. The Junior Class considered itself proud to give a production of Sir James M. Barrie's "The Little Minister," a famous drama (first produced about 60 years ago) a better-than-ordinary performance.

The setting was a notably fine reproduction of the parlor of the minister's manse in Thrums, Scotland, as it existed a century ago, and the costuming was very close to the requirements of that period.



"The Egyptian, curse her"



The cast *L. to R.*: Miss Bright, Director; Lorraine Welker, Arthur Dayton, Jannis Timbrook, Delores Price, Robert Kenny, Harry Bosley, Patricia Rosskamp, Vaughn Alt, Barbara Dayton, Wanda Bohrer, Gary Sommerlott, Robert Foster, Mr. Rogers, Director.



"Don't be so free with your tongue, lassie."



"Please take your ring."



"My husband and I have just returned from prayer meeting."



"Caught unaware."



"To think I should end up in the poorhouse."

"It's her's I'll swear it on the Bible, Mum."



The Autumn Ball

The Junior Class sponsored the fourth annual "Autumn Ball" November 13, 1953.

Miss Barbara Brant a representative from the Freshmen Class was crowned "Miss Autumn Queen IV" by principal, J. P. Judy. Miss Brant chose as her escort Paul Chaney, also a member of the Freshmen Class. A bouquet of white mums were presented to the queen by Miss Evelyn Dennison, "Miss Autumn Queen III."

Announcer for the coronation was Miss Patricia Rosskamp. Music was furnished by Martin's Orchestra.



Miss Barbara Brant



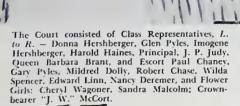
Leading the Queen and her escort to the dance floor are: Flower girls: Sandra Malcolm, Cheryl Wagoner, and crownbearer: J. W. McCort, while the court stands in unison.



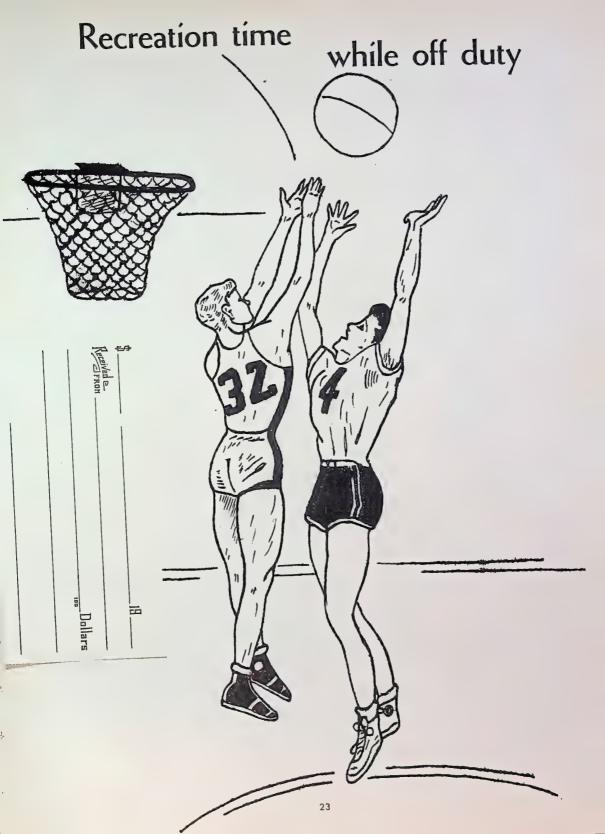
Attending the Autumn Ball, L. to R. - Mrs. Louise Cheshire, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kenny, Mrs. Edgar Twigg, Mrs. Harvey Wilson, Mrs. Charles Eiler, and Miss Dottie Twigg.

The Court

Students attending the Autumn Ball, L. to R. — Bob Foster, Imogene Hershberger, Wilda Spencer, Robert Chase, Paul Chaney, Barbara Brant, Nancy Edmiston, and Kay Jean Milleson.







Varsity Basketball

SCHEDULE

| Schools Played | We | They |
|----------------|----|------|
| Pap Paw | 53 | 40 |
| Capon Bridge | 73 | 43 |
| Bruce | 46 | 97 |
| Romney Deaf | 70 | 42 |
| Romney | 43 | 41 |
| Ridgelev | 38 | 47 |
| Alumni | 53 | 41 |
| Elk Garden | 46 | 32 |
| Capon Bridge | 43 | 32 |
| Paw Paw | 55 | 43 |
| Piedmont | 27 | 55 |
| Ridgelev | 39 | 57 |
| Kevser | 32 | 61 |
| Romney | 39 | 58 |
| Bruce | 34 | 58 |
| Wardensville | 82 | 49 |
| Elk Garden | 48 | 49 |
| Piedmont | 48 | 71 |
| Howard | 55 | 48 |
| Kevser | 31 | 67 |
| | 64 | 42 |

Sectional B

Tournament

The Sectional B Tournaments held at Potomac State Gym February 25, 26, 27, left the Fort Ashby Eagles with fifth place.

The Eagles defeated Romney High the first night with a score of 53-48. The loss the second night was to Piedmont High School by a score of 65-35.

Even though the team didn't come out on top, we are proud of Jim Bosley placing forward on the All-Tournament team. We are sure Jim deserved his trophy.

Being the first year as our Coach, we think Mr. Boor did a wonderful job with our boys and we are very proud of him.



Harold Haines Forward



Robert Kenney Center



John Senn Forward



Arthur Dayton Guard



Coach Wayne Boor



James Bosley Guard

Varsity Basketball Team



L. to R. - Jerry Adams, Buddy Haines, Arthur Dayton, Bobby Kenney, John Hepner, Richard Baldwin, Bob Chase, Jim Bosley, John Senn, Dick Twigg.

Cheerleaders '53-'54



L. to R. - Imogene Hershberger, Janice Welch, Norma Shipman, Captain; Pat Rosskamp, and Darlene Hiett.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



L. to R. - Nancy Deremer, Barbara Brant, Kay Jean Milleson, Betty Lou Wagoner, and Peggy Adams.

Junior Varsity Basketball Team



Row One, L. to R. - Keith Martin, Gary Shriver, Dean Kenny, Joe Dersin. Row Two, L. to R. - Tubby Evans, Manager; John Hepner, Harold Abe, Vaughn Alt, Wayne Bohrer, Harry Bosley, and Coach Wayne Boor.

Fort Ashby Track Team



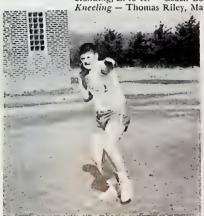
Ready Boys.



Dig that crazy pose.



Standing, L. to R. — Coach Boor, Robert Chase, Richard Twigg, Arthur Dayton, Richard Evans. Kneeling — Thomas Riley, Manager.



Watch it Tubby.



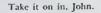
Get ready, get set, go.



The captain of our team, Artie Dayton.



Mr. Boor explaining a play to our team. L. to R. — Jerry Adams, Harold Haines, Arthur Dayton, Bob Kenney, John Hepner, Richard Baldwin, Bob Chase, James Bosley, Dick Twigg, John Senn.



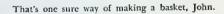




The Eagle's manager, Bill Root.



Come on down, girls and meet your downfall.







A game would not be complete without our scorekeepers Marilyn McCoy and Mary Jo Wolford.



"We hope your jump will be a success, Bob."



Come on Ritchie, up you go.



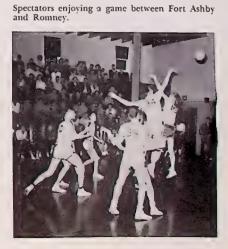
"Let's fight for that ball, Jim."



Billy Root giving a punch to Donald Welker.



Without these people our games would not be a success.



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"These tickets are all yours."

"Is this one of your fine children, Mr. Mayfield?"



"I'm ready to be whisked away."



Prompter



"Do you want to lie down, Sylvia?"



"Oh Tony, Darling!"



"Is Ann ready?"



"My daughter has been kidnapped and you stand there like a munnny!"





Two Dates

"You've got to help , me!"



"Let's go, Miss Gallop."





"What do you mean, I certainly will call the police."



Our Director



"Let's hurry, Tony!"



Announcer



"How was I to know he'd kidnap Sylvia?"



"Gee-e, Freddie!"

For Tonight

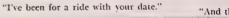


"I'll get you!"



"Ann would be delighted, Mrs. Jones.







"And then-"



Miss Fortress VI



MISS MARY JO WOLFORD

The annual Fortress Ball was held in April, and Miss Mary Jo Wolford was crowned Miss Fortress VI by Mr. J. P. Judy, Principal, at 9:00 P. M. in the Fort Ashby Auditorium.

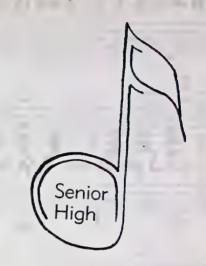
Miss Wolford was chosen Queen by popular vote of the student body. She chose as her escort Richard Baldwin; both the Queen and her escort are members of the Senior Class. Several schools were represented at the dance as they sent a princess and her escort from their Senior Class. Representatives from our Senior Class were, Patricia Deremer and Robert Bantz.

Blair Deremer was crown-bearer, and the two attendants were Mérry Carol Milleson and Edith Shipman. Norma Shipman was the announcer.

The Gym was decorated in the Senior Class colors, blue and silver.



Senior High music class practicing under the direction of Miss Bright. Row One, L. to R. — Arlene O'Brien, Dorothea Twigg, Darlene Heitt, Bertha Barnes, Julia Etta Thompson, Barbara Clark, Bonnie Thompson, Barbara Dayton, Shirley Hayes, Wanda Bohrer. Row Two, L. to R. — Bernard McTaggart, Edgar Kimble, Rodney Bosley, Betty Isner, Carolyn Sampson, Loretta O'Brien, Mary Ellen Snyder, Shirley McTaggart, Ruth Beaver, Lorraine Welker, Lenora Umstot. Row Three, L. to R. — James Lark, Ronnie Ward, William Root, Marjorie Bosley, Shirley Hart, Patricia Anderson, Geraldine Dowden, Shirley Miner, Janice Welch, Pat Rosskamp, Loretta McTaggart. Row Four, L. to R. — Donald Wyer, Nancy Baldwin, Coleen Brooks, Loretta Blauch, Betty Lewis, Merla Whitaere, Dorothy Sampson, Mary Jane Riley, Jeanie Price.







Eighth Grade Chorus. Row One, L. to R. — Kay Kenney, Corrine Smith, Judy Kimble, Ruth Seeders, Lavada Hott, Theresa Snyder, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Miss Bright, music instructor. Row Two, L. to R. — Alice Faye Shipman, Nannie Singhass, Nancy Deremer, Mildred Dowden, Ada Barnes, Linda Bauer, Mary Jane Spencer, Delores Rotruck. Row Three, L. to R. — Charles Abe, Jack Oates, Caroll Lease, Donnie Davis, Herbert Bosley, Howard Barnes.

Seventh Grade Chorus. Miss Bright, instructor. Row One, L. to R. — Judy Wagoner, Barbara Bauer, Ella Mac Thompson, Kenney Harper, Harley Wagoner, Earnest Snyder, Gary Kenney, Edward Wilson, Frahkie Steed. Row Two, L. to R. — Joyce Wolford, Donna Hershberger, Janet Newhouse, Dean Wasson, Billy Price, Larry Troutman, Gary Riley, Johnny Tipping. Row Three, L. to R. — Blanche Bosley, Charlotte Getz, Irene Iman, Rosetta Keplinger, Ruth Liller, Bertha Pownall, Jean Getz, Francis Abe, Arthur Rextode. Row Four, L. to R. — Beverly Myers, Nancy Pyles, Clyde Bantz, Glen Pyles, Bernard Long, Wayne Shreye, Charles Riegleman, Larry Brown.







At the beginning of the year a discussion group was held. The staff was elected, and Mr. McKenzie was chosen our sponsor.

To complete our year book, we knew we needed cooperation and much hard work from our editor, Mary Jo Wolford; asst. editor, Rosalyn Milleson; business manager, Gary Pyles; and asst. business manager, Pat Deremer.



To all those who have aided us in the preparation of our yearbook, Mr. McKenzie our class sponsor, for all those pages he proof read... Mr. Judy for his understanding that "I have to go and see some-body..." Mr. Marker, chief adviser, for all the pictures he took and all the Office Practice we didn't do... And to all the teachers, students, patrons, and advertisers who chipped in when we said, "For the Fortress," whether it was instructions, cars, or out-of-class permits — we sincerely extend our deepest appreciation and this new phrase, "Gee, wasn't it fun?"

'54 Fortress Staff

"Gee, aren't we going to have fun?" is the quotation used most by the Senior Class the first of September. The Fortress Staff is chosen, the outline was given and we set to work at a fast and furious pace, all eagerness and excitement. We learned the arts of ad-selling, asking for boosters, cropping pictures, proof reading, pasting up our dummy, counting words, and at the last minute calling on the F.B.I. to recover some of our stolen pictures. We learned which page of the dummy "Copy A" goes, and count lines on graph paper so "Photo D" will be properly placed. January the New Year, tells us to get down to business and fast, because next month is the dead line. The excitement grew and grew and before we knew it, February 20 was here and our first and last Fortress was launched. to return in May for each his own, to hold as memories.



Without our typists, Patty Anderson, Marlene Logsdon, and Gayle Pownall, our copy sheets would not have been finished.

Working at night was also fun as well as work. Preparing scripts are: Marlyn McCoy, Norma Shipman, Dickie Twigg, and Mary Jo Wolford.





These busy heads are Marilyn McCoy, advertising manager; Dickie Twigg, sports editor, and his assistant, Norma Shipman; Richard Baldwin, patrons manager, and Lewis Wagoner, assistant advertising manager.



Mary Jo Wolford, editor, and her assistant put their heads together planning some arrangements.



James Bosley activities manager and his assistant, Mildred Dolly, along with Jo Ann Simpson class editor, and her assistant, Lelia Decker, discussing the arrangement of the class pictures.



Art editor Donald Welker, is telling his assistants, Lila Lu Thompson and John Senn, "This is the way it is done."



James Bosley, activities manager, and his assistant, Mildred Dolly, with the help of Jo Ann Simpson, class editor, are very busy with editorials.



Gary Pyles, business manager, and his assistant. Pat Deremer, looking over the booster page.

You better do it right, or Boom!!! L. to R.— Frank Byer, Robert Bantz, Rosalyn Milleson, Mr. Keplinger, instructor: JoAnn Simpson, Gary Sommerlott, Harry Bosley, Truman Householder.



Something new has been added. The 9th grade boys are independent since Mrs. Lois McMillion organized a Bachelor's Club. Front, L. to R. — Harold Root, Robert Sampson, Evers McCoy, Mrs. McMillion, William Dennison, Jackie Wagoner. Back, L. to R. — Orvel Hart, Kenneth Isner, Charles Linaburg, Jerry Logsdon.

Ruth Border and Alice Fay Clark are busy cutting out their dresses.



Business And Practical Uses



Students in Library Class: L. to R. - Lewis Wagoner, Betty Lewis, Mary Ellen Snyder, Jay Elder, Merla Whitacre.



The Drivers Education Class is getting ready for driving instructions under direction of Mr. Thomas Small. Mr. Wayne Boor is our theory instructor in the class room. Row One, L. to R. — David Kreiger, Dale Oakman, Lila Lu Thompson, Gayle Pownall, Jannis Timbrook, Etta Mae Singhass. Row Two, L. to R. — Mr. Boor, Truman Householder, Gary Pyles, Bill Eye, Bob Kenny, Mildred Dolly, Imogene Hershberger, Marlene Logsdon, Mr. Small. Row Three, L. to R. — John Senn, Jim Bosley.

The 10th grade girls are cooking up a meal spelled m-e-s-s.



During Our Times



Transcribing by tape recorder was part of our office practice training.



Our photographer, Mr. Marker, tells us to "watch the birdie."



Students must take the "Board of Education" from Mr. Marker or exchange swats; and that's what happened to Walter Abe and Gordon Moore.



Typing can be fun if you just apply yourself.

Bob Bantz, Ritchie Baldwin, Bob Chase and Gary Shriver our movie projector operators.



The seventh grade class enjoy singing Christmas carols at noon hour.



Student Council

The Student Council was formed in Fort Ashby High School five years ago to give the school a representative form of government.

Sixteen members make up our governing body this year, three members from each of the grades nine to twelve and two from the seventh and eighth grades, under the direction of Mr. Hull.

The Student Council in past years has added many fine things to our school, among them are a trophy case, covers for the stage footlights, and the plaque representing Scholarship, Activities, and Athletics. The Council's projects for this year have been a suggestion box and another trophy case for the hall.

Student Council members, L. to R. - Mr. Hull, sponsor; Buddy Haines, reporter; Kay Milleson, Nancy Pyles, Lorretta O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer; Richard Baldwin, Jerry Adams, John Hepner, Marilyn McCoy, President; Barbara Dayton, Vice-President; Wanda Bohrer, William Iman, Carroll Lease, Bernard Long, and Mary Jo Wolford.



P.T.A.

The Parent-Teachers Association is a group of parents and teachers working for a better school and community.

The P. T. A. meets the first Thursday of every month. They have been militant in carrying out a program worthwhile.

The picture at the left is the first P. T. A. Meeting in the new elementary building which was followed with a social.



Officers of the year were: L. to R. - Mrs. Elsic Rosskamp, Secretary; Mr. Andrew Rotruck, President, and Mrs. Edgell Pyles, Treasurer.

Librarians

The library is under the supervision of Miss Evelyn Bright this year. Several students serve as Librarians during the day.

The books are cataloged and arranged according to the Dewey Decimal System. Several new books have been added and the students have enjoyed reading them.

The Library can be used all day for study or research. It is kept very quiet, and the students enjoy doing their work in this room.

The Librarians are: L. to R_{\cdot} — Orvel Hart, Marilyn McCoy, Arlene Ratcliff, Jackie Wagoner and Sylvia O'Brien.





L. to R. — Arthur Dayton, Parliamentarian; Harry Bosley, President; Bruce Bosley, Vice-President; Bob Foster, Secretary; Wayne Bohrer, Treasurer; Loren Bosley, Sentinel.



Boys at work in shop under direction of Mr. Fout.



F. H. A. OFFICERS

Row One, L. to R. — Norma Shipman, President; Barbara Dayton, First Vice-President; Rosalyn Milleson, Second Vice-President; Lila Lu Thompson, Third Vice-President. Row Two, L. to R. — Mary Jo Wolford, Secretary; Janice Welch, Historian; JoAnn Simpson, Treasurer; Marilyn McCoy, Fourth Vice-President.

Girls preparing Christmas Baskets are: L. to R. — JoAnn Simpson, Lila Lu Thompson, Janice Welch, Mary Jo Wolford, Marilyn McCoy, Norma Shipman, Barbara Dayton, Rosalyn Milleson.

Vo-Ag and F.F.A.

The Vocational Agriculture Department was re-established by Mr. Lawrence Fout at the beginning of the year. This is the first time since Mr. Paul Kettle resigned in 1943 that we have had a Vo-Ag Department in this school. There are twenty-eight students in the class, all of which are members of the F.F.A. Organization.

The boys are taught all of the scientific methods of farming and raising livestock and about twenty-five per cent of the school year is taken up with shop work and carpentry. They have built tables and benches for the shop and have built other articles to sell in order to make money for

their club.

Vo-Ag is a continuing course that the students can enroll in for three or four years if they so desire. Each student has a project which he carries out at home, such as raising livestock or growing a crop. They must complete one such project a year in order to receive credit for the course.



Vo-Ag boys with director, Mr. Fout.

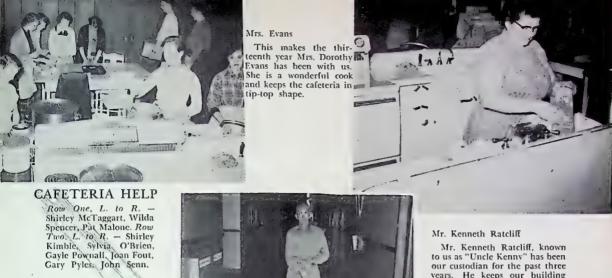
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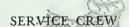
The Future Homemaker's Association was organized at the beginning of the year by Mrs. Lois McMillion. To be eligible for membership in the F. H. A. one must have a semester of Home Economics.

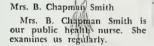
Many activities have been carried out this year such as selecting a Chapter Mother, Mrs. W. Robert McCoy, and holding a Daddy Date Night, which turned out very successfully. Initiation of new members was held in February, and several members of our club attended the Regional F. H. A. meeting in Elkins in March. In April a Mother-Daughter Banquet was held.













years. He keeps our building nice and neat. We hope he will continue to be our custodian for many years to come.

Mr. H. L. Idleman

Mr. H. L. Idleman, Superintendent of Mineral County Schools, and Mr. Marker, in Mobile, Alabama, on way to Sugar Bowl game.

THE BUS DRIVERS

Our Captains are always on time to bring us back to our base after a night of liberty. L. to R. — Glenn Judy, Short Gap Run; Marvin Biser, Reese's Mill Run; Clarence Kesner, Dans Run and Dennison Ridge; Guy Adams, Knobley Mountain Road; Floyd Wagoner, Horseshoe and Middle Ridge Run; Daniel Whitacre, Patterson Creek Run.









Queen Miss Norma Shipman

The Basket Ball

The first "Basket Ball" was held March 26, in the gymnasium. Miss Norma Shipman, senior; and Arthur Dayton, junior; were crowned Queen and King of The Basketball by Principal J. P. Judy.

Announcer for the event was Miss Evelyn Bright. Decorations were carried out with the school colors, maroon and gold. The court consisted of Junior and Senior Cheerleaders and the basketball team. Music was furnished by our own Orchestra.



King Arthur Dayton



The court stands in unison while the King and Queen leave the throne.



Orchestra consists of: Sheila Speelman, Richard Twigg, John Hepner, Robert Bantz, Francis Rice. Not show is Pianist, Marilyn McCoy.



Court, L. to R.: Joe Dersin, Imogene Hershberger, Harold Haines, Janice Welch, John Hepner, Peggy Adams, Jerry Adams, Kay Jean Milleson, Vaughn Alt, Nancy Deremer.



Crownbearers
Randy Marker and Cathy
Welch



Court, L. to R.: Barbara Brant, Richard Twigg, Betty Wagoner, Robert Chase, Darlene Hiett, James Bosley, Patricia Rosskamp, Robert Kenney.



Miss Pep II

Miss Imogene Hershberger

Imogene Hershberger was chosen by popular vote of the students from the Senior High Cheerleaders. Miss Pep II, succeeding Miss Norma Shipman, Miss Pep I. Miss Hershberger is a member of the junior class.

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